IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A content delivery system for connecting terminal apparatuses of users to a content management unit of a service provider managing a plurality of contents via a computer network, said service provider delivering said contents to said users over said computer network, said content management unit comprising:

content file storing means for storing files of said contents;

user-oriented content storing means in which a user area of a predetermined size is allocated to each of said users for the storage of a content owned by ~~the~~ a corresponding ~~user~~ one of the users;

file managing means for managing the content files stored in said content file storing means and the contents stored in the user areas of said user-oriented content storing means, wherein the file managing means copies content files selected by the user from the content file storing means to the user-oriented content storing means; and

content delivering means for providing said users with ~~streaming delivery~~ of said contents stored in said user ~~areas;~~ areas solely as streaming content wherein the content files are not downloadable by the corresponding user,

wherein each of said users is charged a usage fee proportional to the user area size allocated to the corresponding user in said user-oriented content storing means.

2. (Original)   The content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein said content files are moving picture files.

3. (Currently Amended)   The content delivery system according to claim 2, wherein said content management unit further comprises picture processing means for carrying out picture processing ~~whereby~~ to superpose personal information about a given user ~~is displayed in superposed fashion~~ on a streaming screen of the content being delivered to the corresponding user.

4. (Original)   The content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein a copied content file is stored into said user area of a given user as the content owned by the corresponding user.

5. (Original)   The content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein a link file linked to a content file is stored into said user area of a given user in lieu of the content owned by the corresponding user.

6. (Currently Amended)   A content delivery apparatus comprising:

content file storing means for storing a plurality of content files;

user-oriented content storing means in which a user area of a predetermined size is allocated to each of users for the storage of a content owned by ~~the~~ a corresponding ~~user~~ one of the users, the user area size being subject to charging of a usage fee;

file managing means for managing the content files stored in said content file storing

means and the contents stored in the user areas of said user-oriented content storing means,

wherein the file managing means copies content files selected by the user from the content file

storing means to the user-oriented content storing means; and

content delivering means for providing said users with streaming delivery of said

contents stored in said user areas.

7. (Currently Amended)   The content delivery apparatus according to claim

6, wherein said content files are moving picture files, said content delivery apparatus further

comprising picture processing means for carrying out picture processing ~~whereby~~ to superpose

personal information about a given user ~~is displayed in superposed fashion~~ on a streaming screen

of the content being delivered to the corresponding user; and

wherein said content delivering means provides said users with streaming delivery of the

contents having undergone said picture processing.

8. (New)   A content delivery method, comprising:

storing content files selectable by a user by a content provider;

copying content files selected by the user to a user-oriented storage area managed and

allocated by the content provider;

providing the content files from the user-oriented storage area only to the corresponding

user and solely as streaming content wherein the content files are not downloadable by the

corresponding user;

superposing personal information about the user on the streaming content of the providing step such the superposed personal information is displaying when the streaming content is reproduced; and

charging the user a usage fee proportional to the size allocated to the user-oriented area of the corresponding user.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the personal information includes a user identification.

10. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the personal information includes the user's credit card number, telephone number, address, and name